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LISTING OF CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 21, 29, 67, 74, 76, 84-87, 92, 98 and 102 as follows.

1 1-20 (Cancelled).

2 21. (Currently Amended) In a batting of a type having opposing faces and
3 a softness and a flexibility and configured for use in the formation of a quilt, the
4 quilt having at least one cover to be securably attached to the batting by spaced
5 apart connectors, the improvement comprising:
6 the batting consisting of cotton or polyester or cotton-polyester; and
7 an adhesive provided with the batting;
8 wherein the adhesive is applied to the batting to form as a unit the
9 batting with the adhesive in place to provide an interface for an adhesive
10 connection at the opposing faces of the batting;
11 so that the at least one cover can be attached to the batting by an
12 the adhesive connection at the opposing faces of the batting during formation of
13 the quilt.

1 22. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 21 wherein the adhesive is
2 an activatable adhesive for attachment of the cover to the batting.

1 23. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 21 wherein the adhesive is
2 applied to the batting to at least temporarily secure the cover to the batting.

24. (Canceled).

25. (Canceled).

1 26. (Previously Amended) The batting of Claim 21 wherein the adhesive
2 is activated by heat when applying the cover for attachment to the batting.

27. (Canceled).

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1 28. (Previously Amended) The batting of Claim 21 wherein the adhesive
2 connection is formed by application of pressure.

1 29. (Currently Amended) The batting of Claim ~~28~~ 26 wherein the
2 application of heat is provided by an iron.

 30. (Canceled).

1 31. (Previously Amended) The batting of Claim 21 wherein the adhesive
2 comprises a water-soluble material.

1 32. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 21 wherein the adhesive is
2 applied to substantially all of an interface for attachment of the cover.

 33. (Canceled).

1 34. (Previously Amended) The batting of Claim 22 wherein the adhesive
2 is applied to a portion of the batting.

1 35. (Previously Amended) The batting of Claim 21 wherein the adhesive
2 is applied to at least one of the opposing faces of the batting as a pattern.

1 36. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 21 wherein the adhesive is
2 applied by spraying to at least one of the opposing faces of the batting as a pattern.

1 37. (Previously Amended) The batting of Claim 21 wherein the adhesive
2 is removable.

 38. (Canceled).

1 39. (Previously Amended) The batting of Claim 21 wherein the batting is
2 a thick material relative to a fabric cover of the quilt.

 40. (Canceled).

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41-66 (Withdrawn).

1 67. (Currently Amended) A batting of a type having a pair of opposing
2 faces and configured to form a soft and flexible quilt by attachment of a cover by
3 spaced apart connectors, the batting consisting of cotton or polyester or cotton-
4 polyester blend; and an adhesive provided with the batting to construct as a
5 preformed member the batting with the adhesive exposed on at least one of the
6 opposing faces of the batting; so that a cover can be at least temporarily secured to
7 the batting with the adhesive by application of heat before the cover is attached to
8 the batting with connectors to form a soft and flexible quilt.

1 68. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 67 wherein application of
2 heat is provided by an ironing unit.

1 69. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 67 wherein the application
2 of heat is by pressing.

1 70. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 67 wherein the adhesive is
2 an activatable adhesive.

1 71. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 67 wherein the adhesive
2 temporarily attaches the cover to the batting.

1 72. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 67 wherein the adhesive is
2 provided in a thin coating to maintain the complete flexibility and softness of the
3 quilt formed by attachment of a cover to each of the opposing faces of the batting.

1 73. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 67 wherein the adhesive
2 comprises a nonwoven material.

1 74. (Currently Amended) The batting of Claim 67 ~~wherein the adhesive is~~
2 ~~applied to the opposing faces~~ consisting of cotton or polyester or cotton-polyester
3 that is needle punched.

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1 75. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 67 wherein the adhesive is
2 applied to at least a portion of the opposing faces in a pattern.

1 76. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 67 wherein the adhesive
2 provides an interface for attachment of the cover to the batting.

1 77. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 67 wherein the adhesive is
2 applied to a portion of the batting.

1 78. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 67 wherein the adhesive is
2 applied to the batting by spraying at least one of the opposing faces.

1 79. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 67 wherein the adhesive
2 comprises a water-soluble material.

1 80. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 67 wherein the adhesive is
2 inactive until activated by application of heat and pressure.

1 81. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 67 wherein the adhesive is
2 applied to at least one of the opposing faces of the batting as a thin layer.

1 82. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 67 wherein the adhesive is
2 removable by washing.

1 83. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 67 comprising a loft that is
2 thick relative to a fabric cover of the quilt.

1 84. (Currently Amended) The batting of Claim 67 wherein the adhesive
2 will remain in the quilt formed after attachment of covers to each of the opposing
3 faces of the batting by spaced-apart connectors ~~such as yarn or thread~~.

1 85. (Currently Amended) The batting of Claim 67 wherein the batting
2 consists ~~essentially~~ of cotton and polyester with the adhesive.

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1 86. (Currently Amended) In a batting of a type having opposing faces and
2 a softness and a flexibility and configured for use in the formation of a quilt, the
3 quilt having at least one cover to be securably attached to the batting by spaced
4 apart connectors, the improvement comprising:

5 the batting consisting of cotton or polyester or cotton-polyester; and
6 an adhesive provided with the batting;

7 wherein the adhesive is applied to the batting to form as a unit the
8 batting with the adhesive in place to provide an interface for an adhesive
9 connection at each of the opposing faces of the batting;

10 so that the at least one cover can be attached to the batting by the adhesive
11 connection at each of the opposing faces of the batting during formation of the
12 quilt. A batting of a type having a pair of opposing faces and configured to form a
13 soft and flexible quilt by attachment of a cover to each of the opposing faces by
14 spaced apart connectors, the batting comprising: a first consisting of cotton or
15 polyester or cotton-polyester blend; and an adhesive provided with the batting; so
16 that a cover can be at least temporarily secured to each of the opposing faces of
17 the batting with the adhesive before the cover is attached to the batting with
18 connectors to form a quilt.

1 87. (Currently Amended) The batting of Claim 86 wherein the adhesive is
2 provided on each of the opposing faces consisting of cotton or polyester or cotton-
3 polyester that is needle punched.

1 88. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 86 wherein the adhesive will
2 remain in the quilt after the cover is attached to the batting by spaced apart
3 connectors.

1 89. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 86 wherein the adhesive is
2 activatable.

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1 90. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 86 wherein the cover is at
2 least temporarily secured to the batting with the adhesive by pressing the cover to
3 the batting.

1 91. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 86 wherein the cover is at
2 least temporarily secured to the batting with the adhesive by application of heat.

1 92. (Currently Amended) The batting of Claim 86 wherein the adhesive is
2 applied as a coating to the batting left.

1 93. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 86 wherein the application
2 of heat by an iron secures the cover to the batting.

1 94. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 86 wherein the adhesive
2 comprises a water-soluble adhesive.

1 95. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 86 wherein the adhesive
2 provides an interface between the cover and the batting.

1 96. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 86 wherein the adhesive is
2 provided to a portion of the batting.

1 97. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 86 wherein the adhesive is
2 applied by spraying to at least one of the opposing faces of the batting.

1 98. (Currently Amended) The batting of Claim 86 wherein the ~~left~~ batting
2 is thick relative to a fabric cover for the quilt.

1 99. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 86 wherein the adhesive
2 comprises a non-woven material.

1 100. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 86 wherein the adhesive is
2 applied to the batting in a pattern.

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1 101. (Previously Added) The batting of Claim 86 wherein the adhesive is
2 removable by washing.

1 102. (Currently Amended) The batting of Claim ~~86~~ 21 consisting of cotton
2 or polyester or cotton-polyester that is needle punched ~~wherein the left comprises a~~
3 ~~low-left material that comprises 80 percent cotton and 20 percent polyester.~~